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1. AT APRIL 29 NAC MEETING, LUNS AND PERMREPS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THEIR CONCERNS REGARDING THE PROBLEMS LIKELY TO BE ENCOUNTERED IN COMPLETING THE SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES FOR THE MAY 10 SUMMIT MEETING IN A WAY THAT WOULD PERMIT ALL HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT TO SPEAK, ALLOW AT LEAST A BRIEF PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION, AND CONCLUDE THE AFTERNOON MEETING AT A REASONABLE TIME.

2. LUNS, AT THE SUGGESTION OF SEVERAL PRMREPS, APPEALED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS TO MAKE CLEAR TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS THE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE ENCOUNTERED IF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT SPOKE FOR MORE THAN 12 MINUTES EACH. LUNS NOTED THAT, AS CHAIRMAN, HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CUT OFF LENGTHY STATEMENTS BY HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT; THAT INEVITABLY THERE WOULD BE SOME SLIPPAGE IN THE SCHEDULE; CONFIDENTIAL

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AND THAT IF ANY ALLIED LEADERS DID NOT HAVE TIME TO ADDRESS THEIR COLLEAGUES BECAUSE OF LENGTHY STATEMENTS BY OTHERS, AN UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF THE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS WOULD BE CREATED FOR THOSE NOT GRANTED ADEQUATE TIME. KILLICK (UK) NOTED THAT, TO SAVE TIME, ALLIED LEADERS COULD HIGHLIGHT THE MAIN POINTS OF THEIR STATEMENTS IN THE MEETING, AND CIRCULATE THE FULL TEXT THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD.

3. DE FREITAS CRUZ (PORTUGAL) SAID PRESIDENT EANES WOULD SPEAK FOR NINE MINUTES AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND FOR

SEVEN MINUTES IN THE MAIN MEETING.

4. COMMENT: IF ALL 15 ALLIED LEADERS SPEAK FOR 12 MINUTES, TOTAL ELAPSED TIME WOULD BE 180 MINUTES. TIME NOW ROUGHLY ALLOTED FOR NAC MEETING (11:15-12:45 AND 1500 TO 1730) WOULD PROVIDE 240 MINUTES. IN THEORY THIS WOULD ALLOW 60 MINUTES FOR DISCUSSION; BUT REALISTICALLY THIS TIME WILL BE ABSORBED LARGELY BY SLIPPAGE IN STARTING TIMES AND REMARKS THAT EXTEND BEYOND 12 MINUTES. SYG LUNS' DIRECTOR OF CABINET VAN CAMPEN TELLS US THAT LUNS BELIEVES THAT AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION AFTER INTERVENTIONS AND THAT IT WOULD BE "UNFORTUNATE" IF ALL ALLIED LEADERS COULD NOT SPEAK WITH THE PRESIDENT IN ATTENDANCE. END COMMENT.STREATOR

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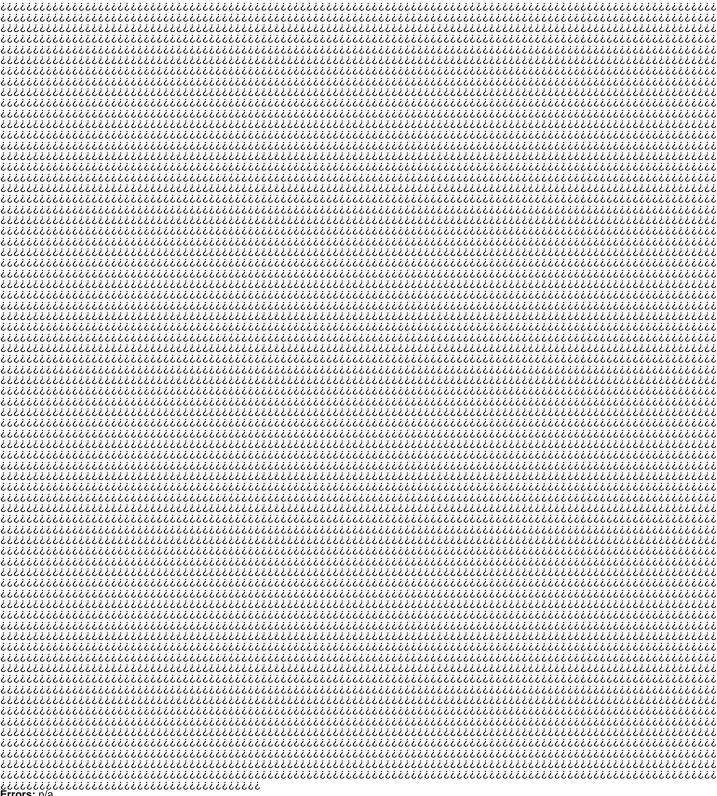
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